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# Indonesia – Earthquake

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May 30, 2006

#### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- A magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck the Indonesian island of Java on May 27, at 05:54 local time, followed by a series of
  aftershocks, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The epicenter of the earthquake was located 25
  kilometers southwest of Yogyakarta city.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has pledged \$5 million for earthquake response activities.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	200,000	IFRC <sup>1</sup> – May 29
Dead	5,427	Government of Indonesia (GOI) – May 30
Injured	8,717	GOI – May 30

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

Numbers Affected

- The earthquake death toll continues to rise. As of May 30, the GOI reported more than 5,400 people dead and more than 8,700 people injured.
- The most affected provinces are Central Java and Yogyakarta, including the city of Yogyakarta. Initial reports indicate that Bantul District, south of Yogyakarta, sustained the most damage, with more than 3,300 people dead and 1,900 injured.
- The earthquake destroyed or heavily damaged more than 35,000 homes, leaving more than 200,000 people in need of temporary shelter or other assistance, according to IFRC. A large number of schools have also been destroyed.

# Damage Assessments

- According to USAID field reports, power and phone lines are not functioning in many areas, and access to the Yogyakarta airport was initially limited, restricting the delivery of humanitarian assistance. However, as of May 30, debris clearance has begun, logistics have improved, and commodities are now arriving at Yogyakarta airport.
- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), humanitarian access to the Klaten area northeast of Yogyakarta and the more remote mountain areas east of Bantul remains limited.
- Mt. Merapi, a volcano adjacent to the earthquake's epicenter, was already experiencing heightened activity prior to the
  earthquake, according to a USGS scientist deployed through USAID's Volcano Disaster Assistance Program.
   Scientists are closely monitoring Mt. Merapi to determine if the May 27 earthquake will trigger increased activity.

### Humanitarian Activities

• The relief community, led by OCHA, has begun humanitarian coordination meetings in the sectors of water and sanitation, shelter, relief commodities, health, education, and food. A number of teams from international relief agencies have arrived, many bringing doctors and medical supplies.

#### Urgent Needs

 USAID/Indonesia and relief agency staff in Yogyakarta report that the most urgent needs are medical care, temporary shelter, and water and sanitation services. As of May 30, the GOI indicates that sufficient medical personnel have arrived.

### U.S. GOVERNMENT (USG) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

USAID Emergency Assistance

- On May 27, U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia B. Lynn Pascoe declared a disaster due to the damage and casualties from the earthquake. On May 27, USAID/OFDA provided an immediate \$100,000 through IFRC to support Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) relief operations to meet the immediate needs of those affected by the earthquake.
- A three-person USAID/Indonesia team arrived in Yogyakarta on May 27 to assess emergency needs. This team has been augmented by a USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor and additional USAID/Indonesia and U.S. Embassy staff.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

- USAID has deployed a nine-person Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) that is due to arrive in Yogyakarta
  by June 1. The USAID/DART includes a Team Leader; two Program Officers; Health, Shelter and Water and
  Sanitation experts; a Military Liaison Officer; an Information Officer; and an Administrative Officer. The
  USAID/DART will work closely with the Department of Defense (DOD), the USAID Mission, and the U.S.
  Embassy to identify needs, recommend appropriate assistance, and ensure coordination with non-governmental
  organizations (NGOs), U.N. organizations, and the GOI.
- On May 28, USAID/OFDA committed \$1 million in response to IFRC's Preliminary Emergency Appeal for \$10.4 million. USAID/OFDA funding will support emergency medical and shelter activities.
- On May 29, USAID dispatched an airlift of relief commodities from USAID/OFDA stockpiles in Dubai, including 150 rolls of plastic sheeting, 10,200 ten-liter water containers, and 5,004 hygiene kits. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and PMI are distributing the relief supplies to residents of the city of Yogyakarta as well as the districts of Bantal, Klaten, and Sleman. A second flight of four emergency medical kits, to be consigned to International Medical Corps (IMC), is scheduled to arrive in Yogyakarta on May 31. Each medical kit will provide for the needs of 10,000 people for three months. The value of this assistance including transport is more than \$323,000.
- On May 27, USAID/OFDA provided \$124,000 in funding under an existing grant with IMC to support the emergency deployment of a 65-person medical team from Ambulan 118, Indonesia's foremost medical response NGO. Ambulan 118 medical personnel are providing emergency medical care to affected communities.

#### DOD Assistance

• The U.S. Pacific Command is deploying an 82-member team from the Okinawa-based 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force, including a 20 bed field hospital with operating room, which will be located in Bantul District. As of May 30, most of the team had arrived in the affected area. Additional medical personnel and 20 pallets of medical supplies from the hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) will be airlifted from the Philippines to Indonesia in coming days.

#### USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount	
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE				
IFRC/PMI	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$100,000	
IMC/Ambulan 118	Emergency medical response	Affected areas	\$124,000	
IFRC	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$1,000,000	
Various	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Affected areas	\$323,096	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of May 30, 2006.

#### PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for earthquake response efforts in Indonesia can be found at <a href="https://www.interaction.org">www.interaction.org</a>.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - o USAID: www.usaid.gov Keyword: Donations
  - o The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
  - o Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int